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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic system for providing visible user physical feedback via at least one data token, comprising:

    (a) computing means;

    (b) a data store coupled to said computing means for at least one of (i) inputting data content to and (ii) outputting data content from the data store; and

    (c) token interfacing means coupled to said computing means for interfacing to said at least one data token detachable from the token interfacing means of the system, said at least one token for providing an intuitive indication of data content representing data content in the data store, wherein the computing means of the system ~~being arranged to perform~~ performs user-selectable operations in response to said at least one token being spatially presented to the token interfacing means of the system, the user-selectable operations including at least one of delete, read, write, and rearrange corresponding data content to/from the data store associated with said at least one token (i) to read from said at least one token, using the token interfacing means, details of said data content to identify said data content in the data store and/or (ii) to record on said at least one token, using the token interfacing means, one or more details of said user-selectable operations so that said one or more details include user-readable visible information and details that are optically readable via a user from said at least one token ~~when~~ in response to being user-inspected, said at least one token further being a representation in tangible form of corresponding data content stored in the data store, the at least one token themselves not including the corresponding data content stored in the data store.

2. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the token interfacing means is subdivided into spatial sub-regions, each ~~subregion~~ sub-region being associated with a specific type of corresponding <u>user-selectable</u> operation on the data content represented by said at least one token ~~when~~ <u>in response to being</u> presented in spatial proximity of said <u>corresponding</u> sub-region.

3. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the token interfacing means is arranged to be capable of handling a pack comprising a plurality of said at least one token and performing said <u>user-selectable</u> operation on at least one token in the pack.

4. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the computing means ~~is arranged so as to prevent~~ <u>prevents</u> said data content from being subject to at least a sub-set of said ~~operation when its~~ <u>user-selectable operations in response to a</u> corresponding token ~~is~~ <u>being</u> spatially remote from the token interfacing means.

5. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one token is provided with:

      (a) a first region susceptible to being user-marked with user optically-readable information; and

      (b) a second region susceptible to presenting information optically, said second region being arranged to be written to from <u>the token interfacing means of</u> the system for providing a user optically-readable indication of data content associated with said token.

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein <u>the computing means of</u> the system ~~is arranged to interrogate~~ <u>interrogates, via the token interfacing means,</u> said at least one token ~~when~~ <u>in response to a corresponding at least one token being</u>

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spatially presented to <u>the token interfacing means of</u> the system<u>,</u> for indicating to the system<u>,</u> user-preferred data content to be subject to said <u>user-selectable</u> operation.

7. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 6, wherein <u>the computing means of the system interrogates, via the token interfacing means,</u> said at least one token ~~is arranged to be interrogated from the system~~ by at least one of: radio interrogation, optical interrogation, contact electrical interrogation, and magnetically-coupled electrical interrogation.

8. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 6, wherein said at least one token is provided with a unique identification code for use in enabling <u>the computing means of the system<u>, via the token interfacing means,</u> to identify said at least one token and thereby data content associated with said at least one token.

9. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one token is provided with at least one corresponding region which is susceptible to being electronically programmed by the system to present visual information provided from the system, said visual information being related to data content associated with said at least one token<u>, as opposed to bearing the actual data content</u>.

10. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein said at least one region is provided with electrically-writable ink for use in providing user-readable visual information of data content associated with said at least one token.

11. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one token is implemented in the form of at least one substantially plastics material planar substrate.

12. (Currently Amended) An electronic system for providing visible user physical feedback, comprising:

    (a) at least one data token;

    (b) computing means;

    (c) a data store coupled to said computing means for at least one of <u>(i)</u> inputting data <u>content to</u> and <u>(ii)</u> outputting data content from the <u>data</u> store; and

    (d) token interfacing means coupled to said computing means for interfacing to said at least one data token detachable from <u>the token interfacing means of</u> the system, said at least one token for <u>providing an intuitive indication of data content</u> representing data content in the <u>data</u> store,

    <u>wherein the computing means of</u> the system ~~being arranged to perform~~ <u>performs</u> <u>user-selectable</u> operations <u>in response to said at least one token being spatially</u> <u>presented to the token interfacing means of the system, the user-selectable operations</u> including at least one of delete, read, write, and rearrange <u>corresponding</u> data content <u>to/from the data store</u> associated with said at least one token <u>(i)</u> to read from said at least one token, using the token interfacing means, details of said data content to identify said data content and/or <u>(ii)</u> to record on said at least one token, using the token interfacing means, one or more details of said <u>user-selectable</u> operations so that said one or more details <u>include user-readable visible information and details that</u> are optically readable <u>via a user</u> from said at least one token ~~when~~ <u>in response to being</u> user-inspected, said at least one token <u>further</u> being a representation in tangible form of corresponding data content stored in the data store<u>, the at least one token themselves</u> <u>not including the corresponding data content stored in the data store</u>.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of providing visible physical feedback for an electronic system, ~~characterized in that~~ the method ~~includes~~ <u>comprising</u> the steps of:

    (a) providing the system with computing means, a data store coupled to said computing means for at least one of <u>(i)</u> inputting data <u>content to</u> and <u>(ii)</u> outputting data

content from the data store, and token interfacing means coupled to said computing means for interfacing to at least one data token detachable from the token interfacing means of the system, said at least one token for providing an intuitive indication of data content representing data content in the data store; and

(b) ~~on~~ performing ~~an~~ a user-selectable operation ~~of~~ in response to said at least one token being spatially presented to the token interfacing means of the system, the user-selectable operation including at least one of deleting, reading, writing, and rearranging corresponding data content to/from the data store associated with said at least one token, arranging for the system (i) to read from said at least one token, using the token interfacing means, details of said data content to identify said data content in the data store and/or (ii) to record on said at least one token, using the token interfacing means, one or more details of said user-selectable operation so that said one or more details include user-readable visible information and details that are optically readable via the user from said at least one token ~~when~~ in response to being user-inspected, said at least one token further being a representation in tangible form of corresponding data content stored in the data store, the at least one token themselves not including the corresponding data content stored in the data store.